outbreak of dengue/Chikungunya in Kerala, blood samples of patients had to be sent to Pune/Delhi for diagnosis;

(b) whether this process caused inordinate delay in identification of the decease and providing proper medication to the patients;

(c) whether Government would consider upgrading the facilities at the Alpuzha Virology Institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Chikangunya and Dengue fever which are viral infections diagnosed clinically supported by lab investigations. Supportive treatment of the patients can be initiated even without confirmatory diagnosis by laboratory investigation.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has identified the Virology Institute Alapuzha as one of the institutions in the country for strengthening diagnostic facilities for dengue, Chikungunya, Japanese Encephalitis and other viral vector borne disease. The National Institute of Virology, Pune has been asked to supply the testing kits as well as train the team from Virology Institute Aapuzha. Further, under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, all the district level laboratories and state referral laboratories are being strengthened and networked in a phased manner.

CGHS dispensaries in the country

357. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of CGHS dispensaries opened in different parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of CGHS dispensaries proposed to be opened in the current year with locations thereof in the country; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned, released and spent under the scheme during this period in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) During the last 3 years CGHS dispensaries were opened in the following States:

1. Uttaranchal
2. Orissa
3. Jharkhand
4. Kerala
5. Assam
6. Delhi-Unani, Siddha & Yoga Centre.

(b) In the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has approved in principle opening of two CGHS dispensaries, one each at Gurgaon (Haryana) and Noida(UP). As there is constraint of resources and manpower, no new dispensary is likely to be started during the current year.

(c) The total amount spent during the last 3 years in as under:—

(Rs. Crores)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan
2003-04	22.80	480.35
2004-05	21.33	557.88
2005-06	23.40	565.90

Mosquitoe prone diseases in the country

358. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether disease caused by mosquitoes are increasing in the country;

(b) the details of malaria, chikungunya and other mosquitoe related diseases which have affected different States and the death tolls due to these diseases; and

(c) the action plan chalked out by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) The details of Malaria, Chikungunya and other mosquitoe related diseases such as dengue, Japanese encephalitis which have affected different states and reported deaths are enclosed at Statement-I to V. (*See* below).

(c) For prevention & control of these disease, the three pronged strategies is followed under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme which comprise: